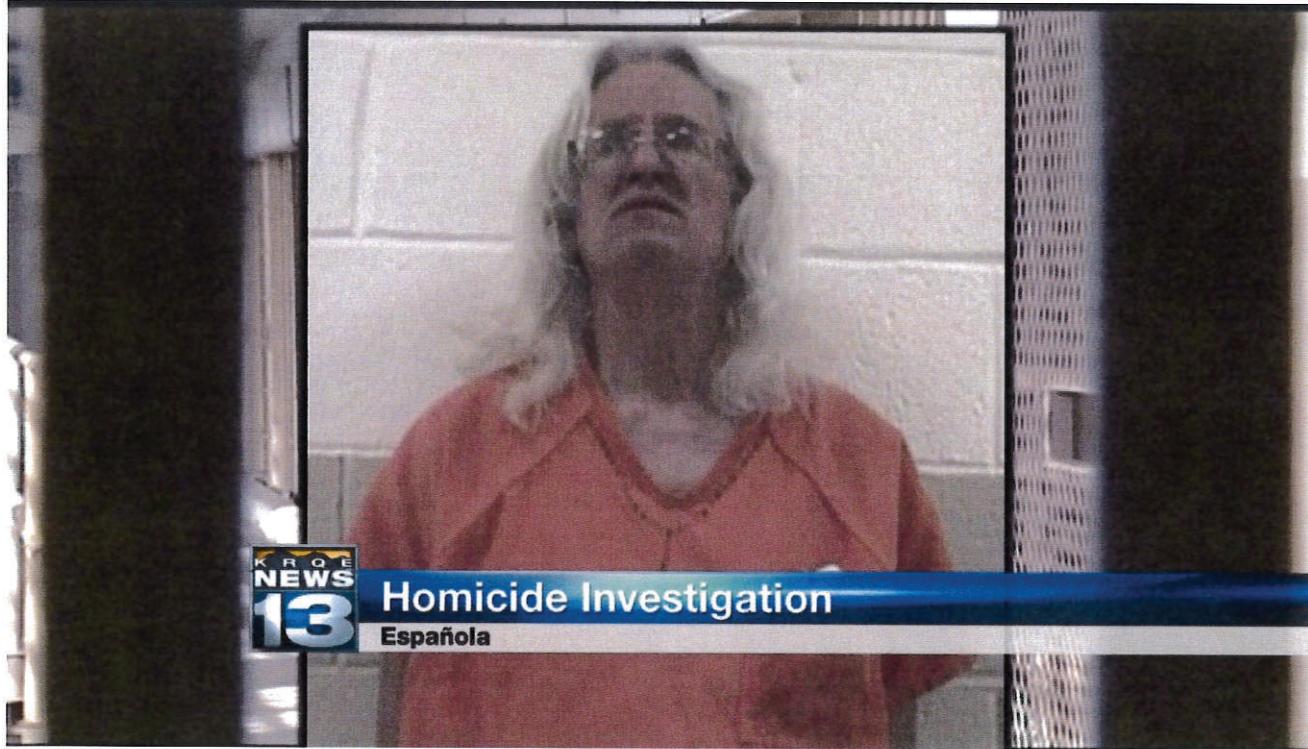


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An investigation into the murder of an Espanola woman is being turned over to the FBI.

Douglas Smith, 68, who police say shot her is claiming he was trying to scare off an intruder.

Officers say they found a 36-year-old woman dead in a neighborhood near North Riverside and Santa Cruz early Saturday morning.

According to the [Santa Fe New Mexican](#), Smith called police about the shooting and told them he fired shots, trying to stop what he thought was a burglary outside of his home.

Police say the woman was shot in the head and died.

Officers say no burglary tools were found and Smith was arrested for second-degree murder.

He is currently behind bars awaiting a court appearance.

Police say the woman is a member of the Santa Clara Pueblo and the crime happened on pueblo land.

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